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Finsterwalde Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. Between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on 16 October 1951, at least 18 dark-green Pe-2s were parked in front of the hangars at Finsterwalde airfield. * Seven Pe-2s took off individually between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in clear weather. The aircraft climbed to an altitude of about 2,000 meters. Some dropped 3 or 4 bombs each while heading southwest, about 10 to 15 minutes after the take-off.

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2. A newly erected radio installation with four masts and a radio truck with a mast about 8 meters high were observed in the western extension of the runway. The two radio installations were connected by a double line. A wooden cabin with a short rod antenna was in the middle of the square of four masts.*** Trucks and ambulance were observed on the approach road to the field.

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3. On 22 October, 12 Pe-2s were in front of the hangars on the southern edge of the field. The interior of the hangars could not be observed. There was no flying during intermittent showers between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Trucks and sedan entered and left the field.

4. A third watchtower was erected on the southwest border of the fenced-in dump north of the field. *** A clearing was observed in the east extension of the runway east of the spur track.

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* Comment. Finsterwalde is occupied by two bomber regiments, the headquarters of a bomber division and the headquarters of the bomber corps. The exact number of Pe-2s stationed at the field has not been determined because most of the aircraft are parked in the hangars which are kept closed. During the preceding months only Pe-2 type aircraft were observed in Finsterwalde.

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25X1A ** Comment. The presence of an Adcock DF station is reported for the first time. The DF station is located in the extension of the runway as at other airfields which are occupied by fighter units. The radio installation with one mast is probably the inner landing beacon. The outer landing beacon was previously reported.  25X1A

25X1A ** Comment. The fenced-in dump is probably an ammunition dump.

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